

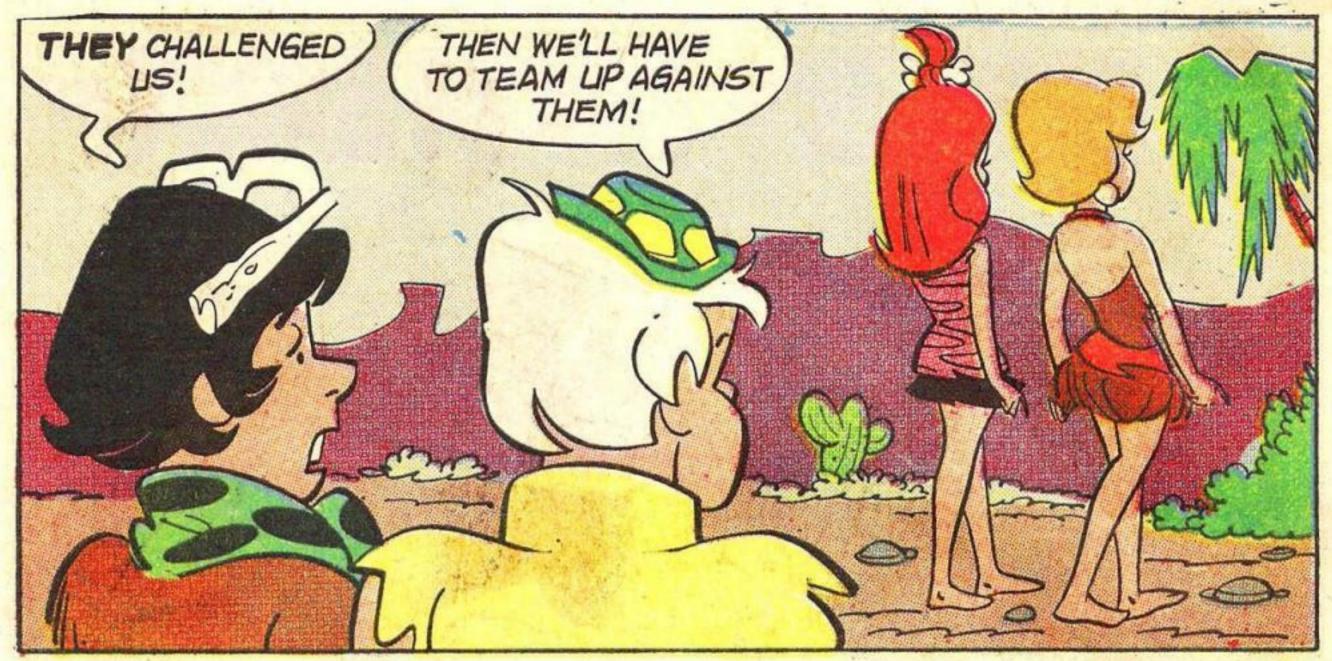


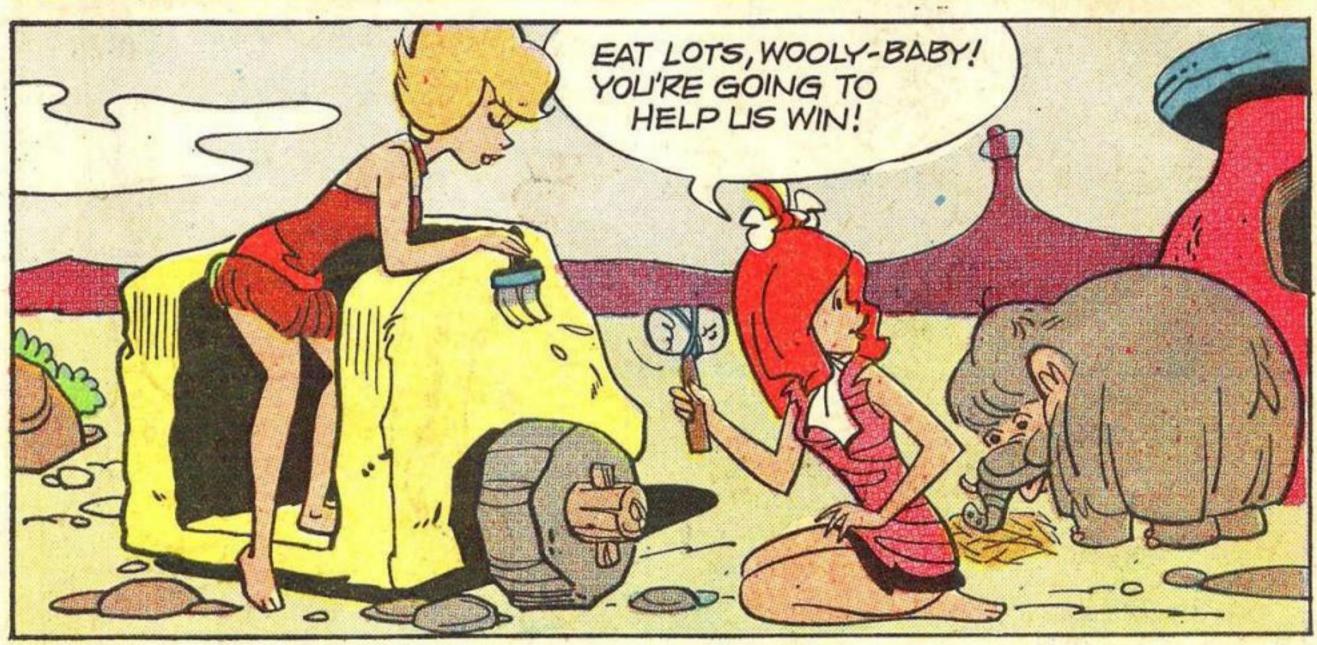


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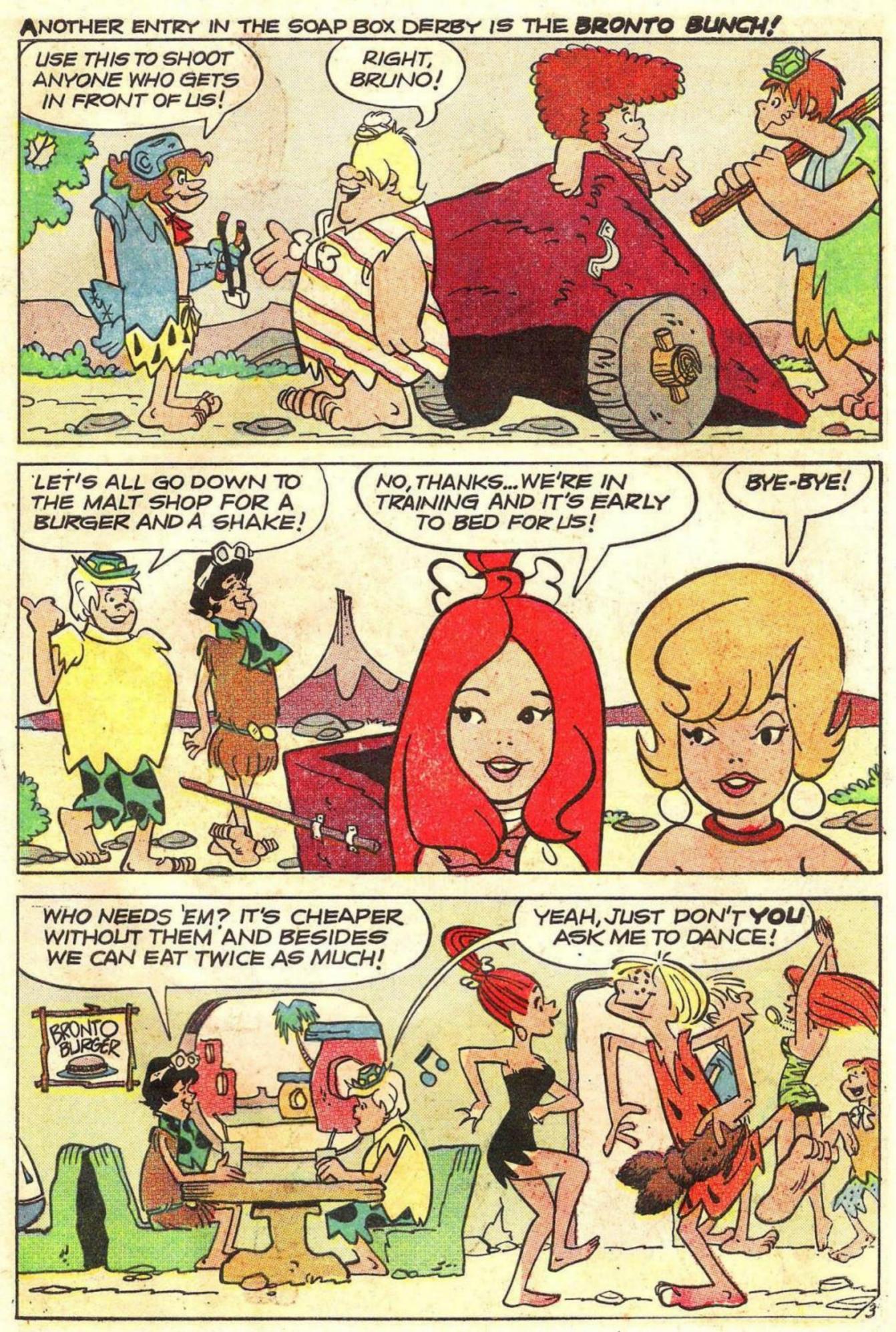
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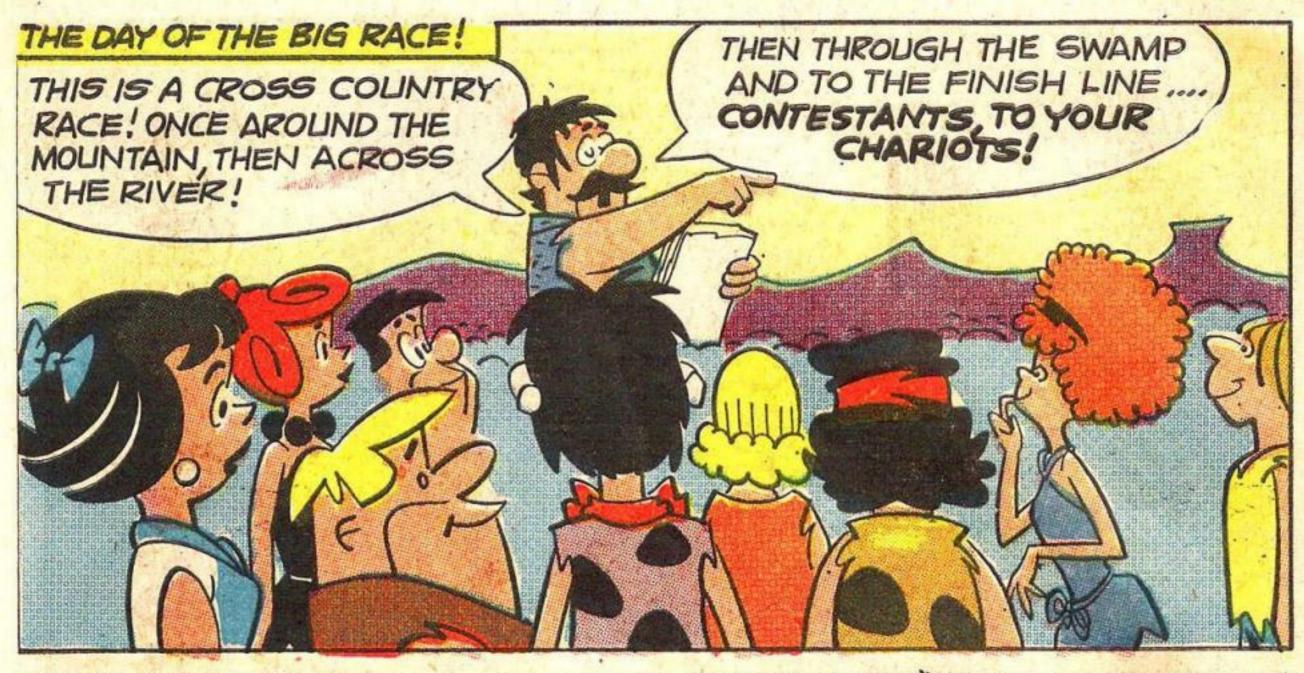
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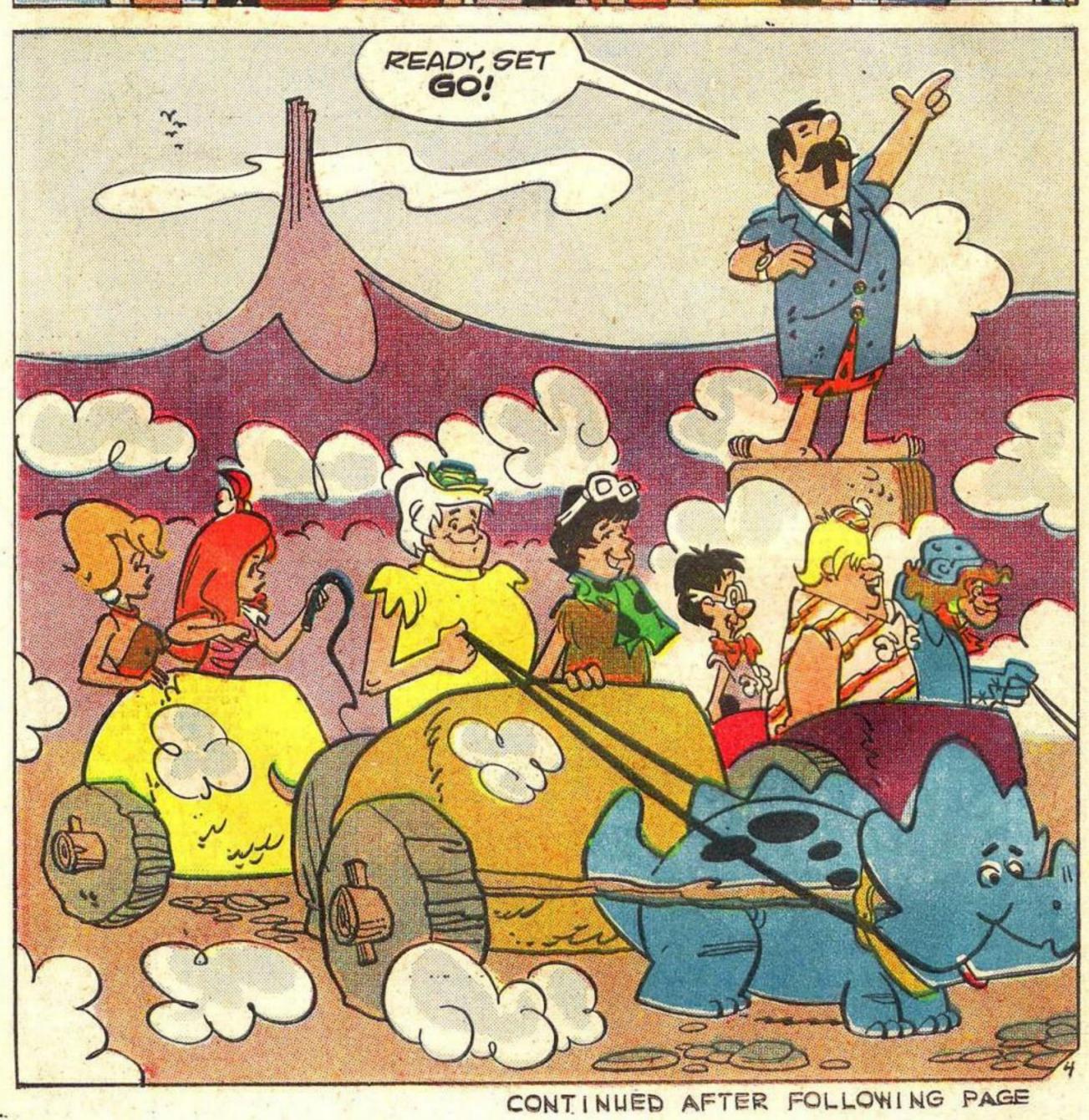


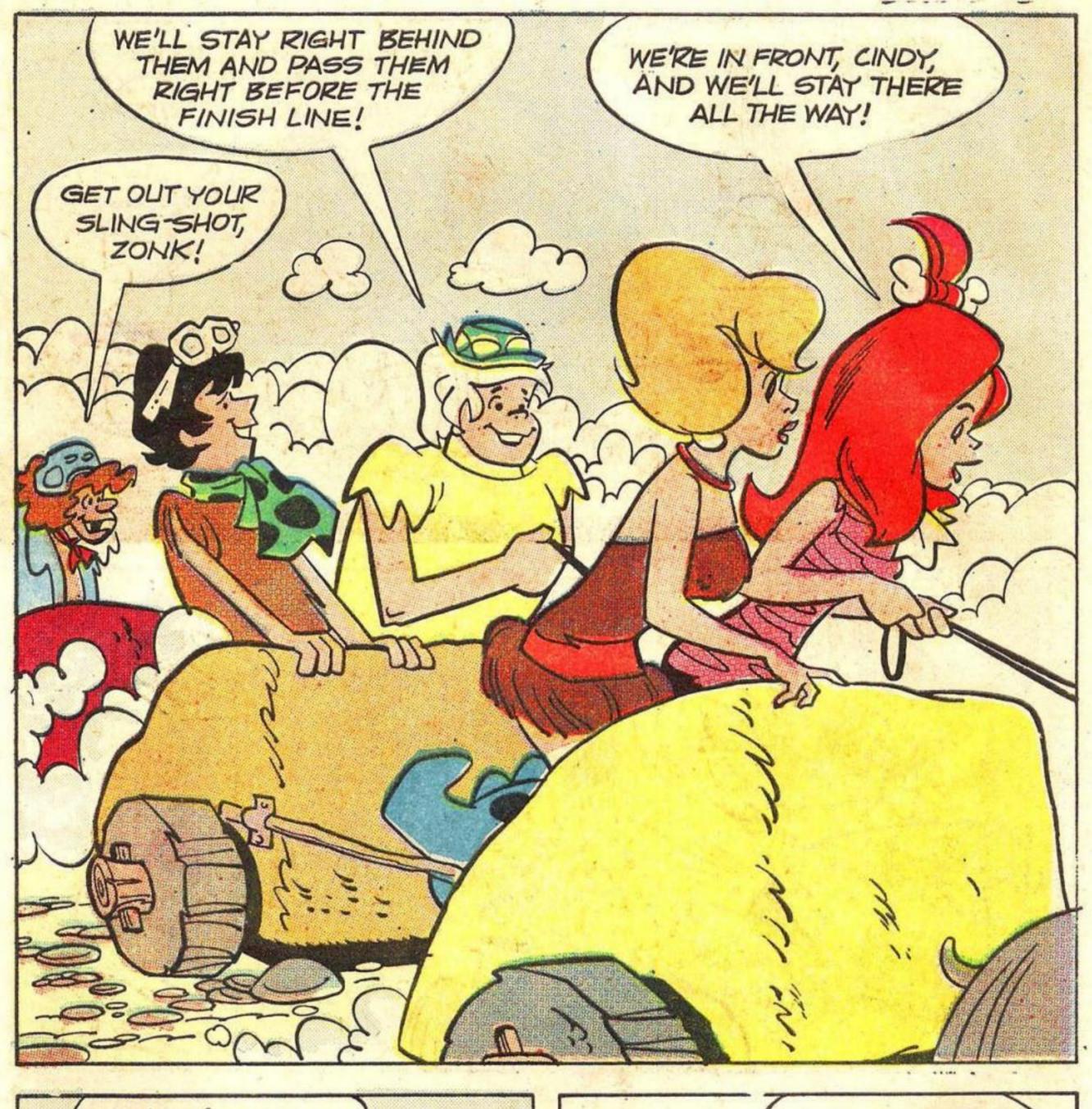






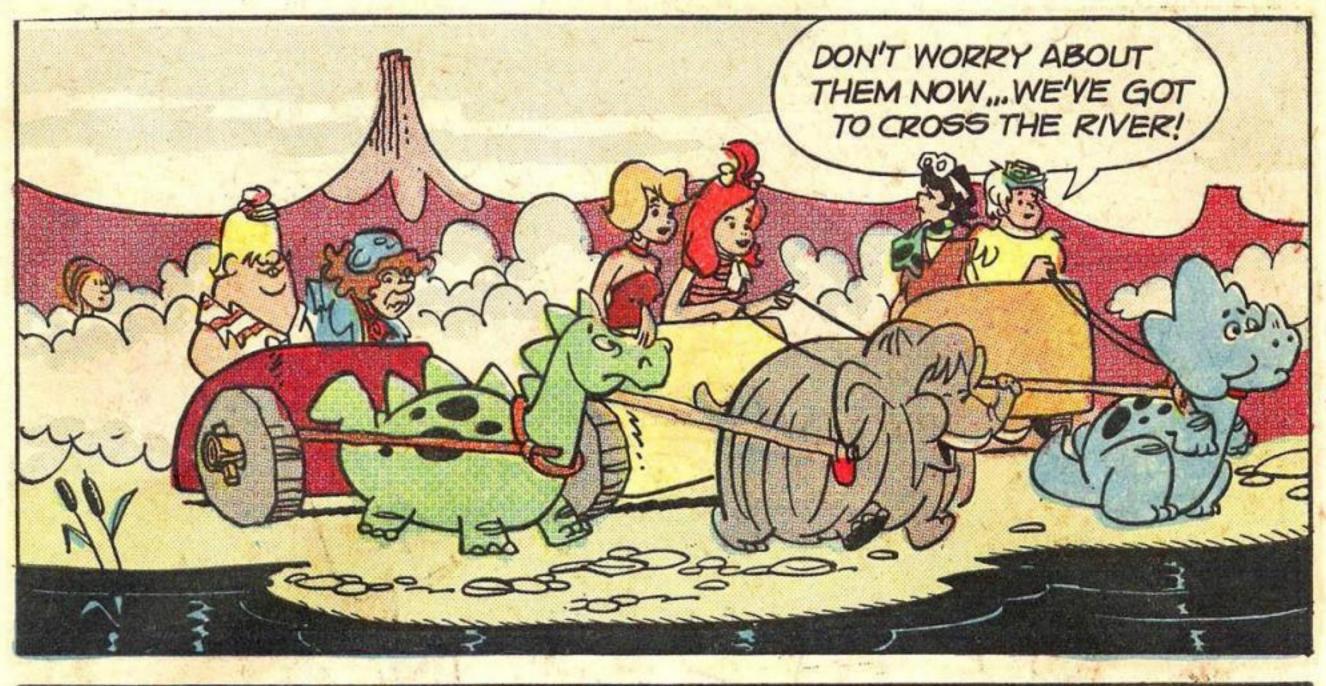




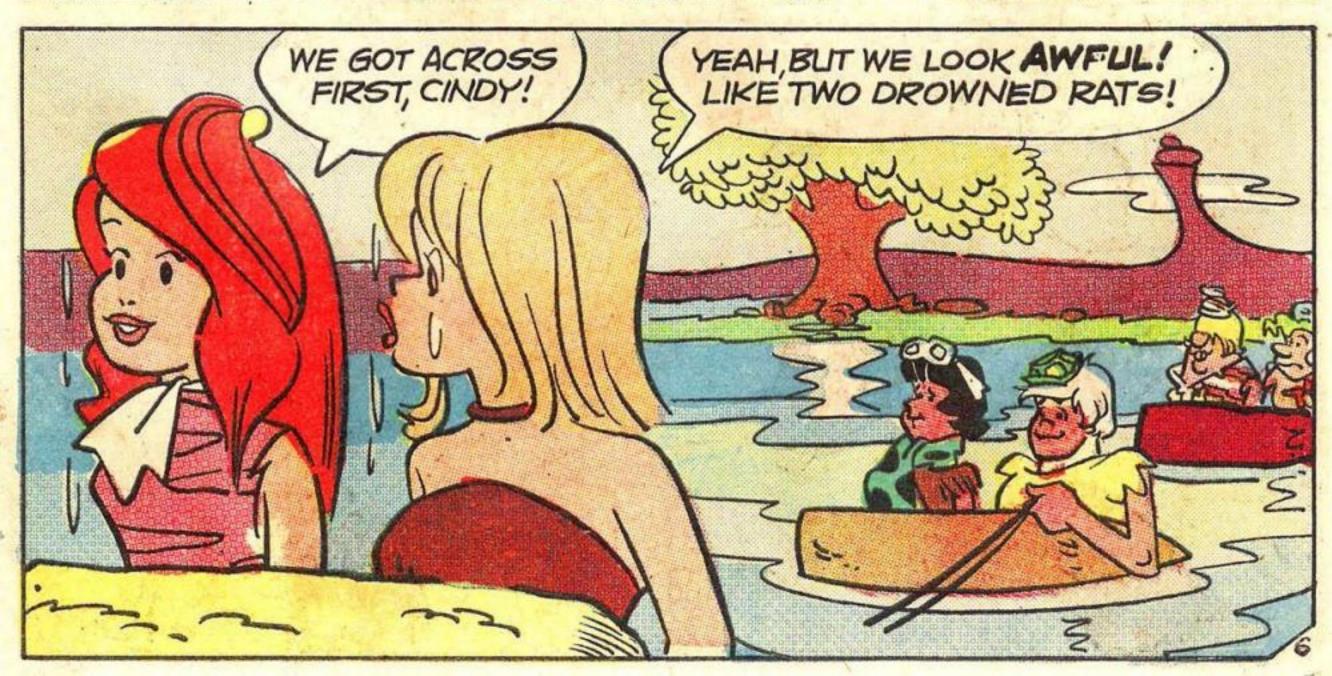


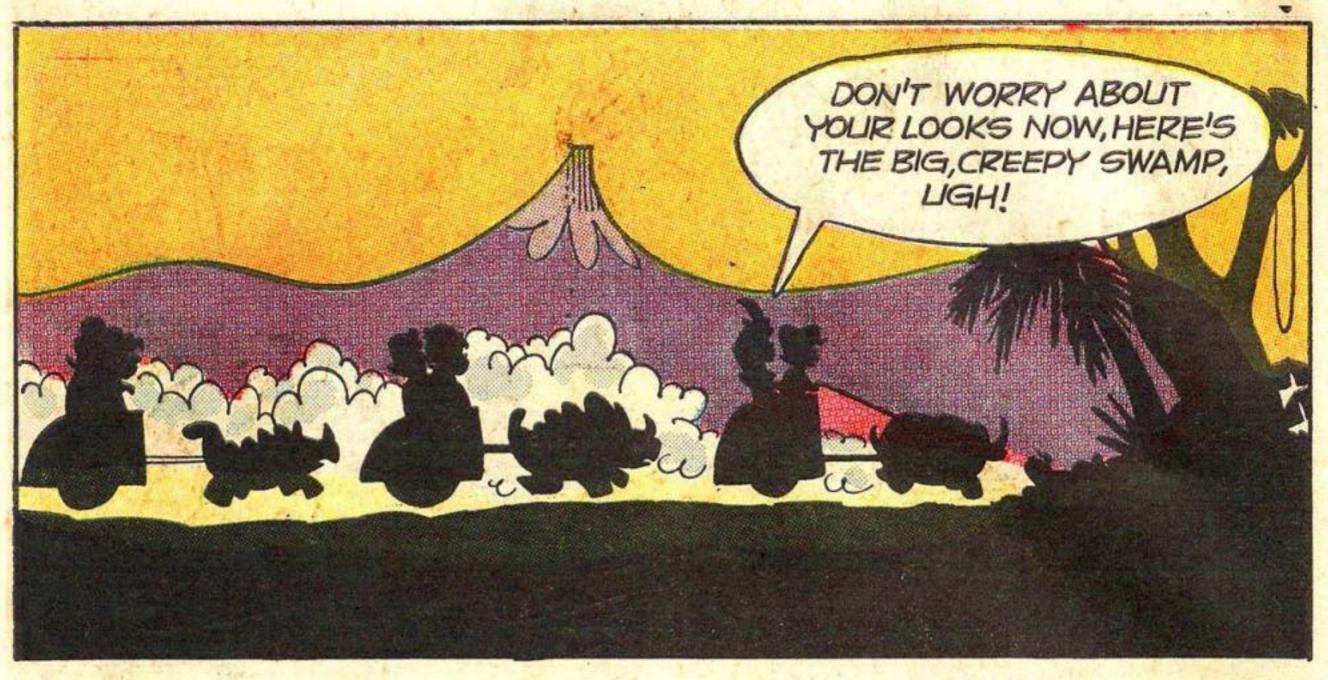


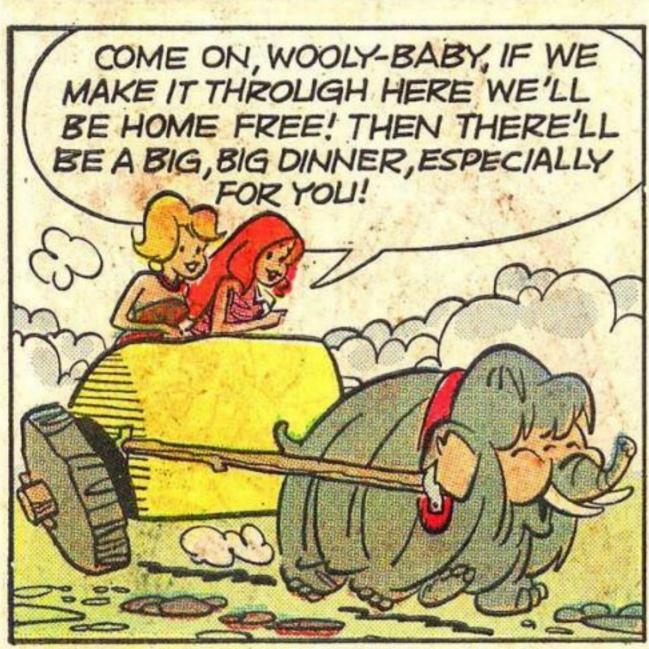


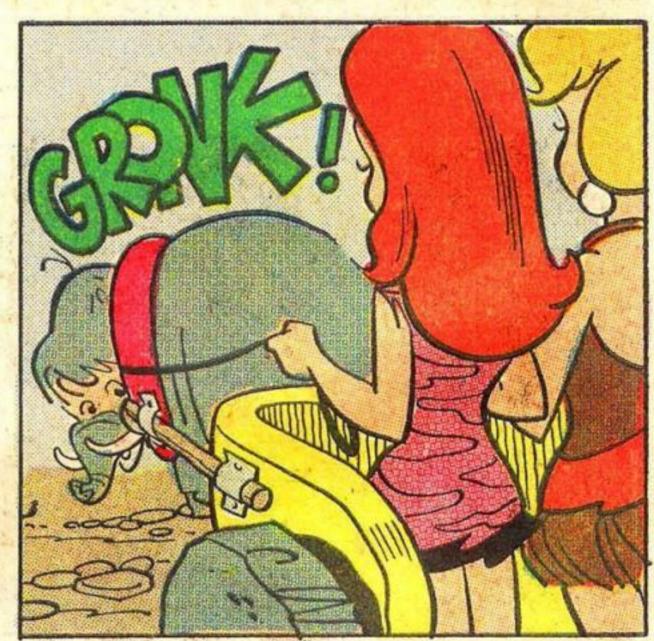


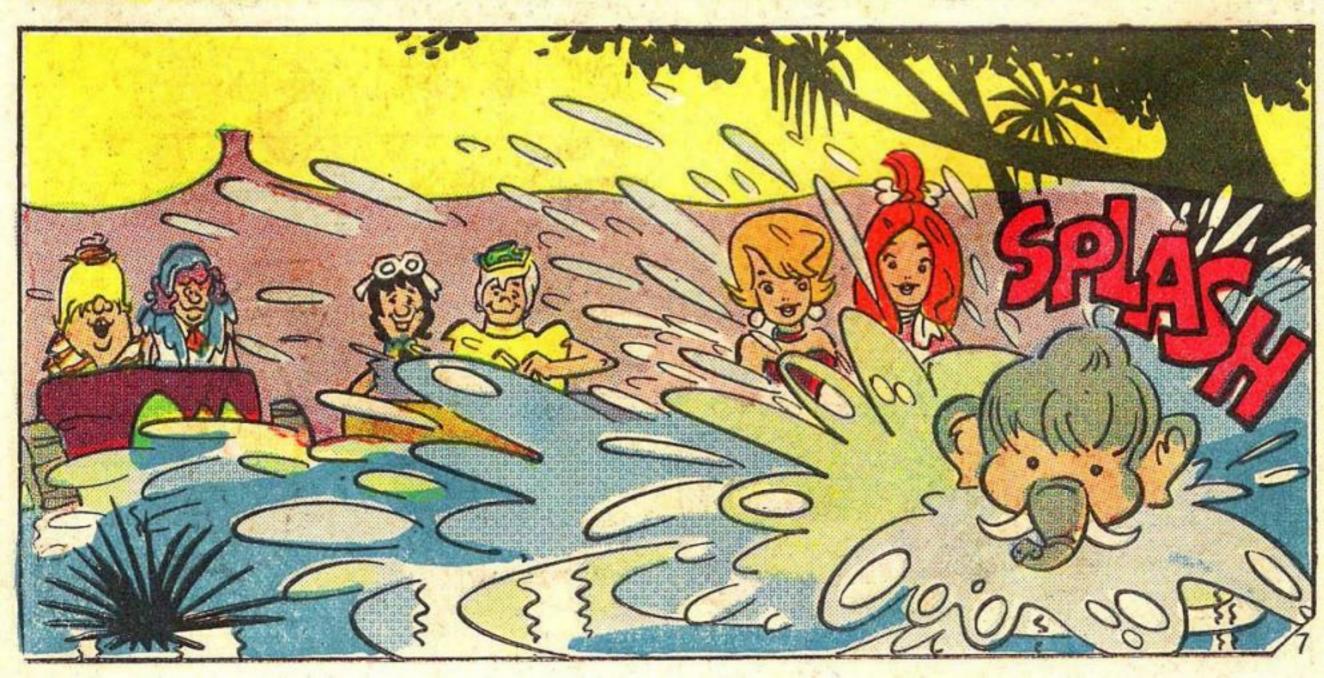


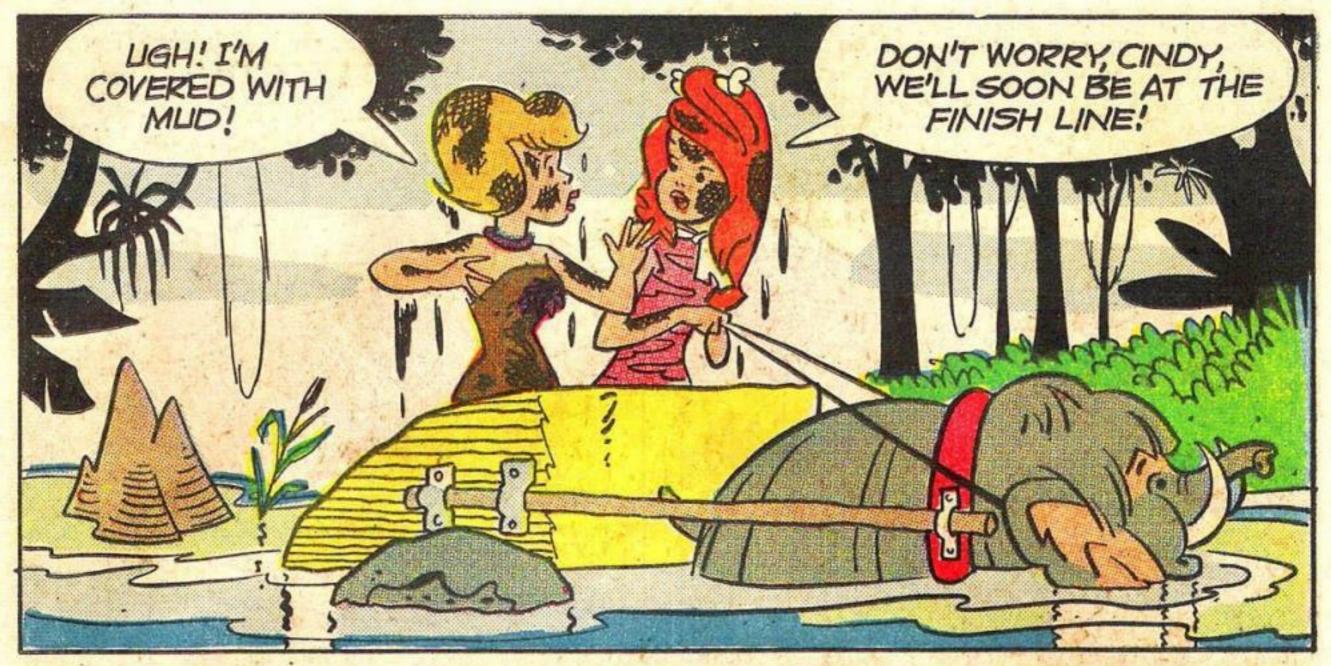






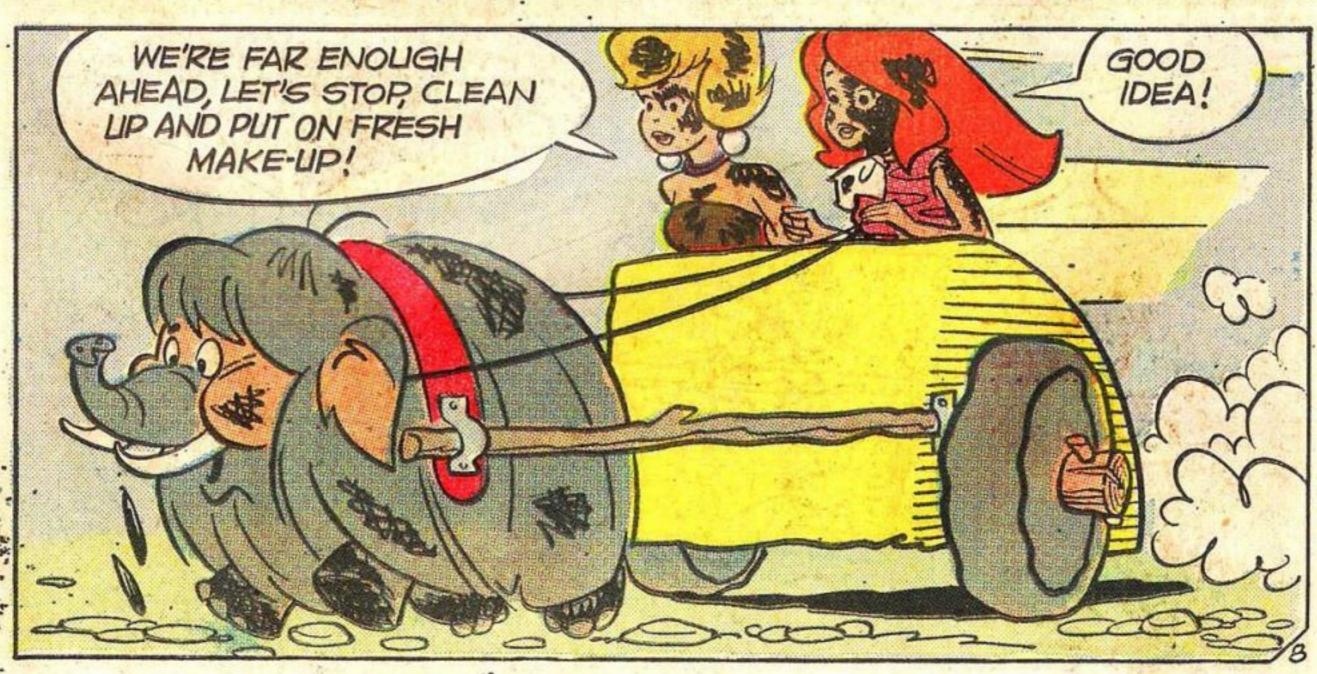




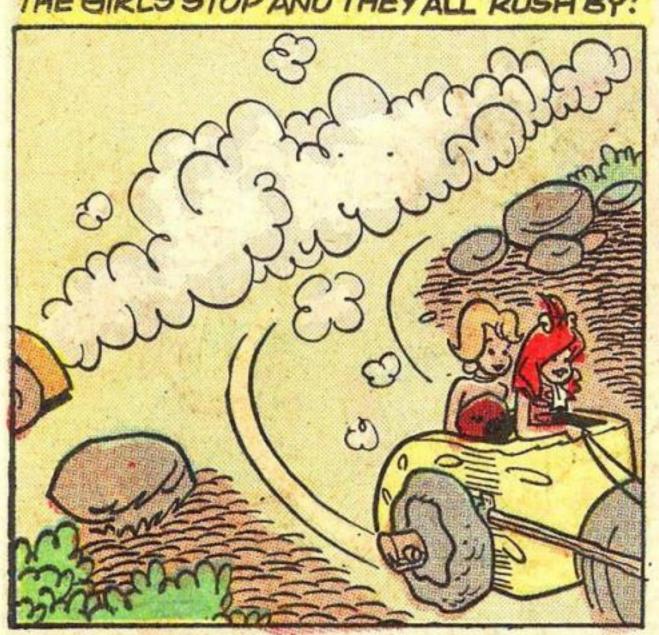




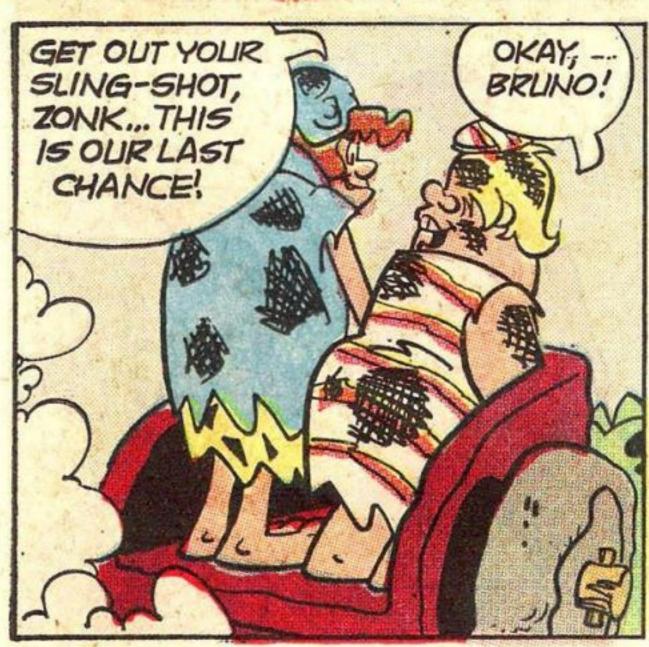




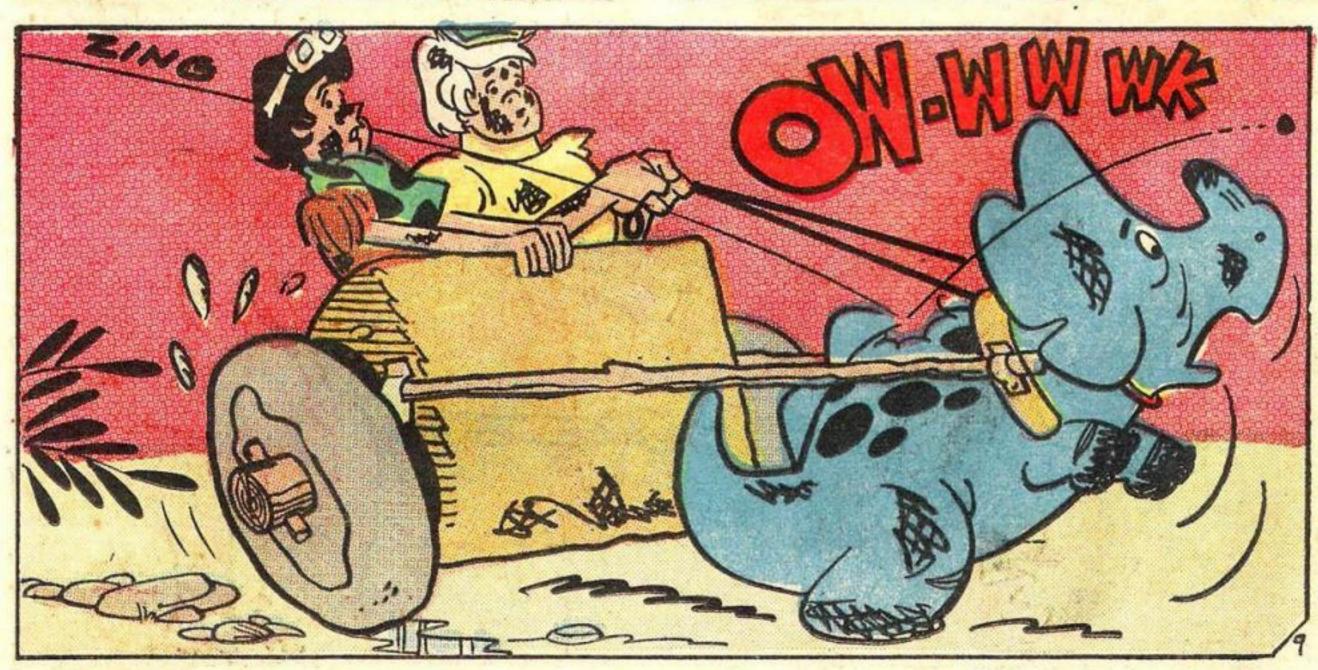
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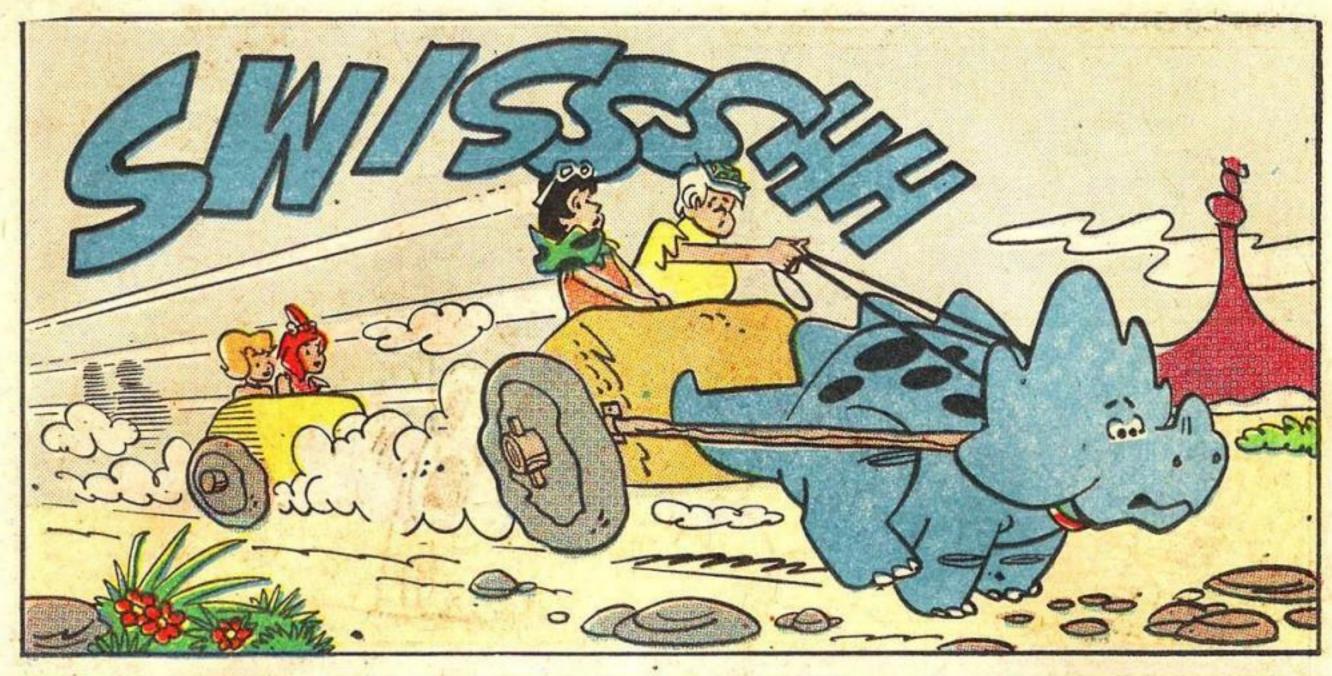




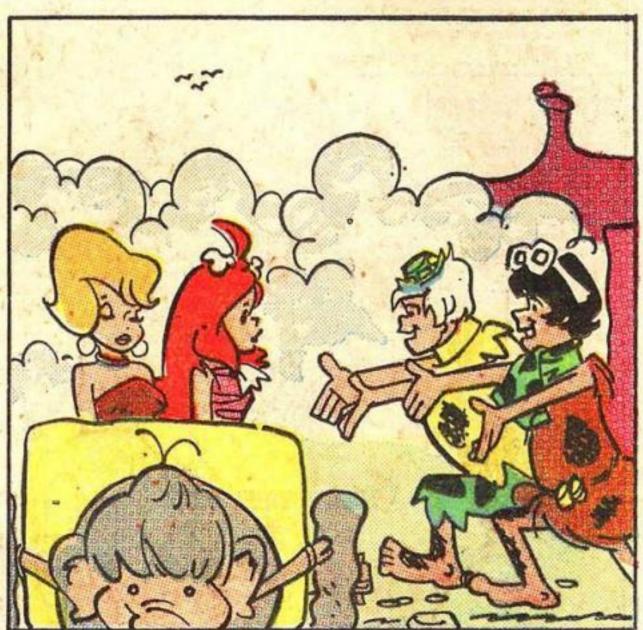


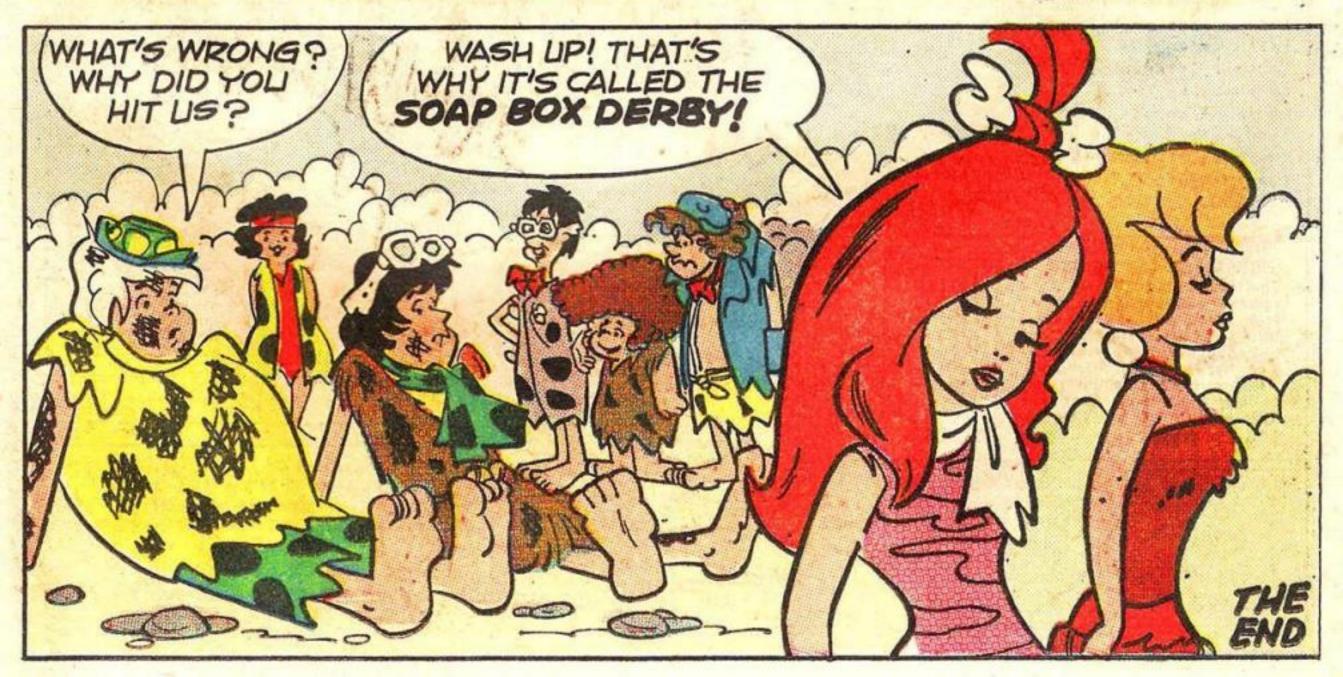


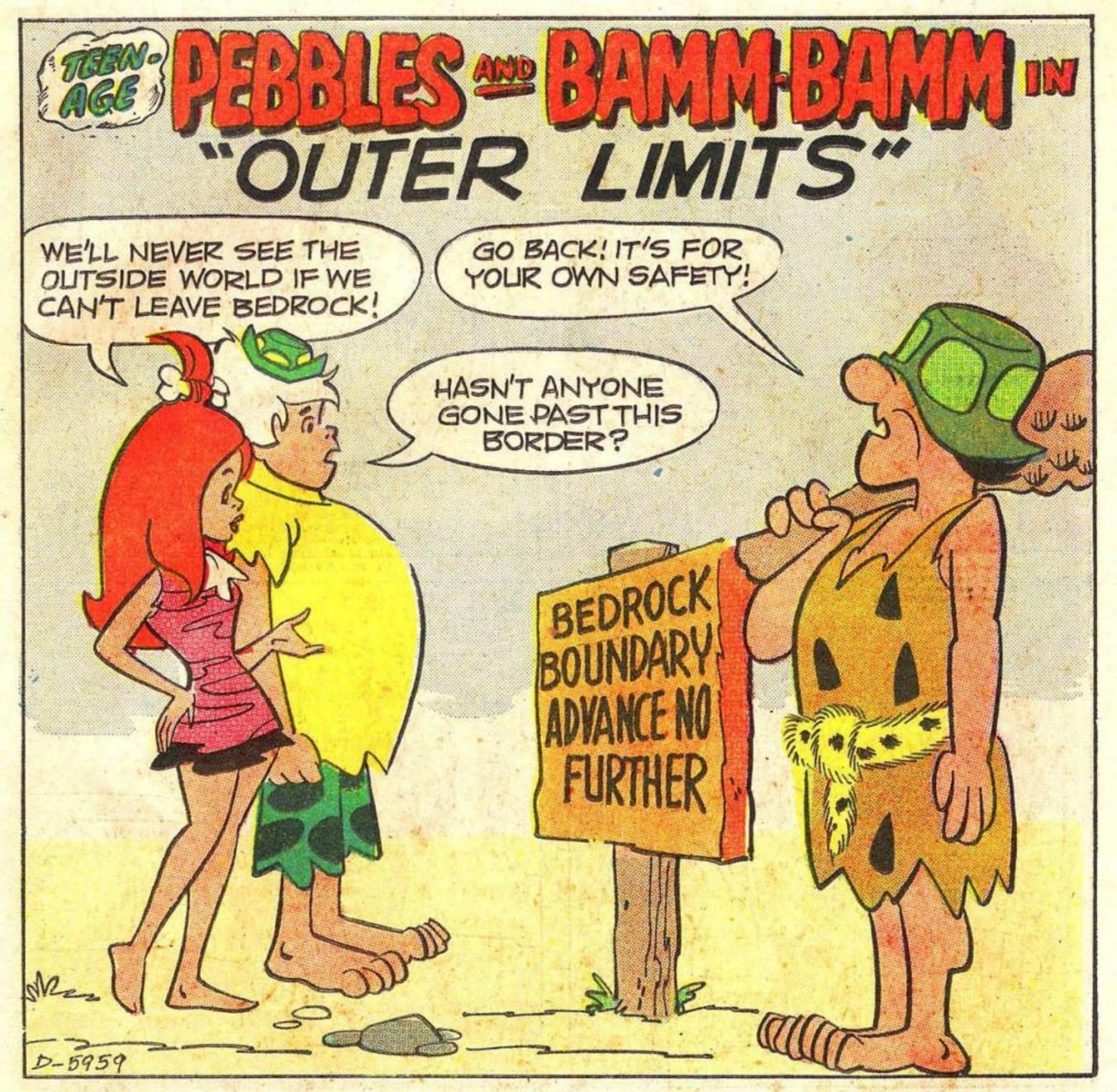


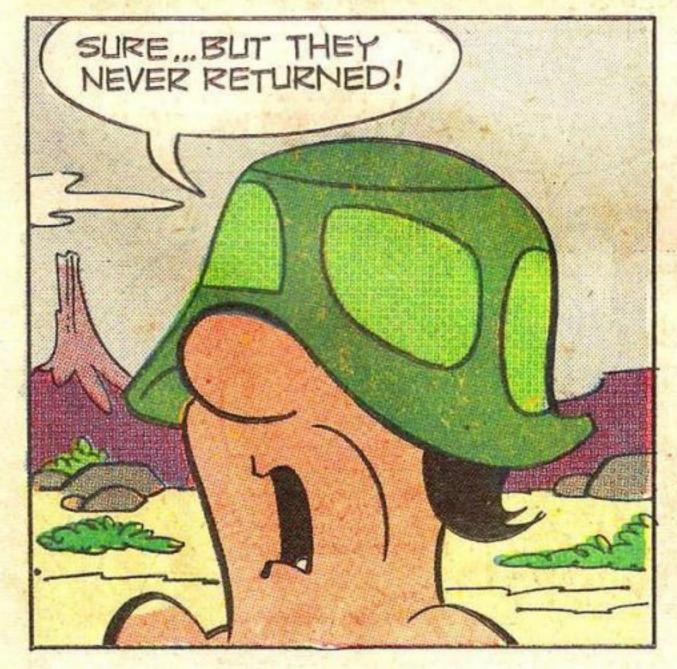










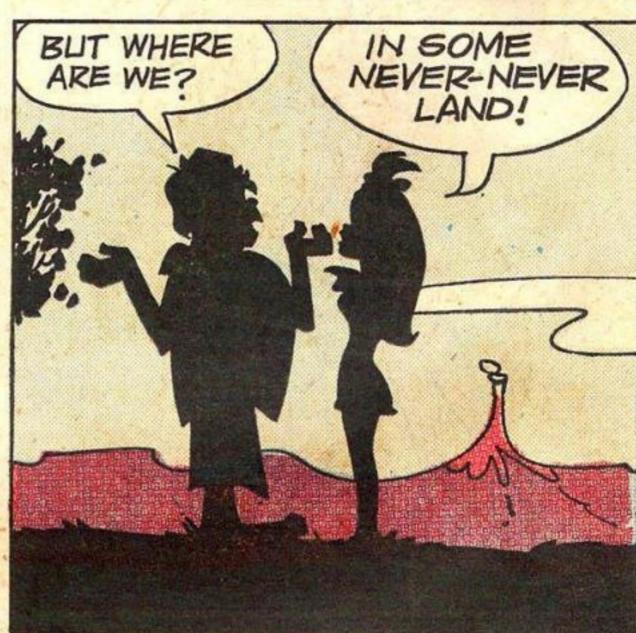








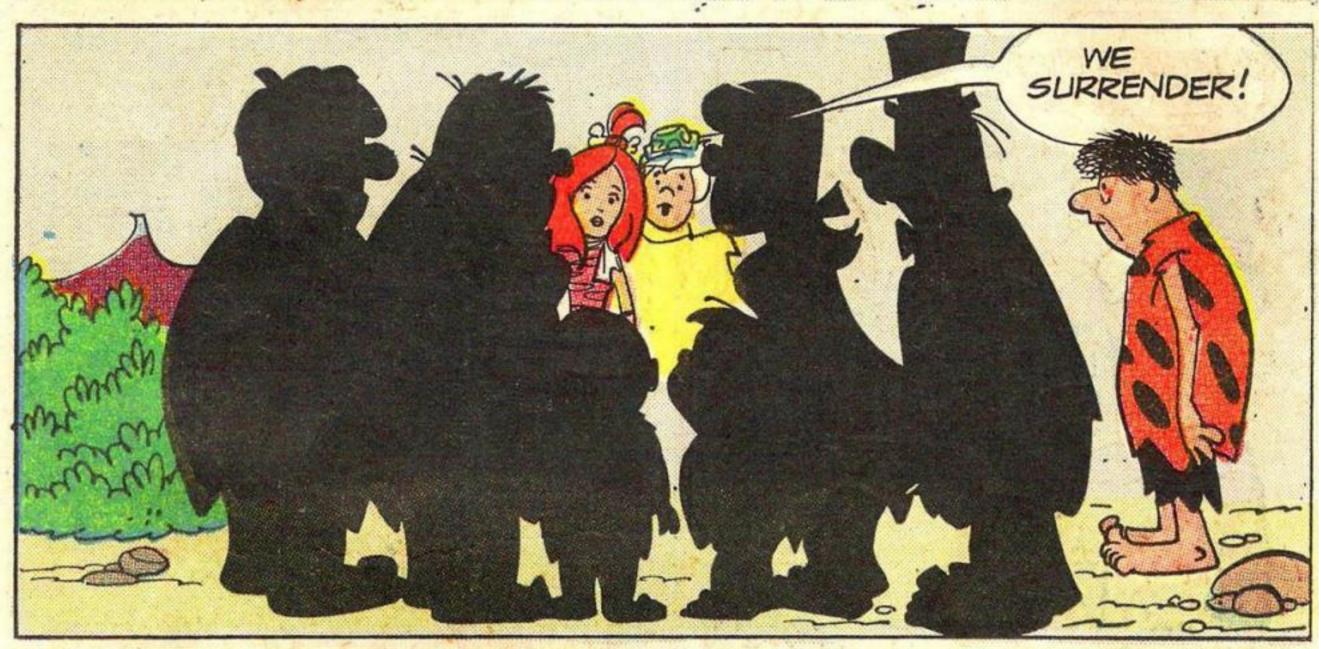




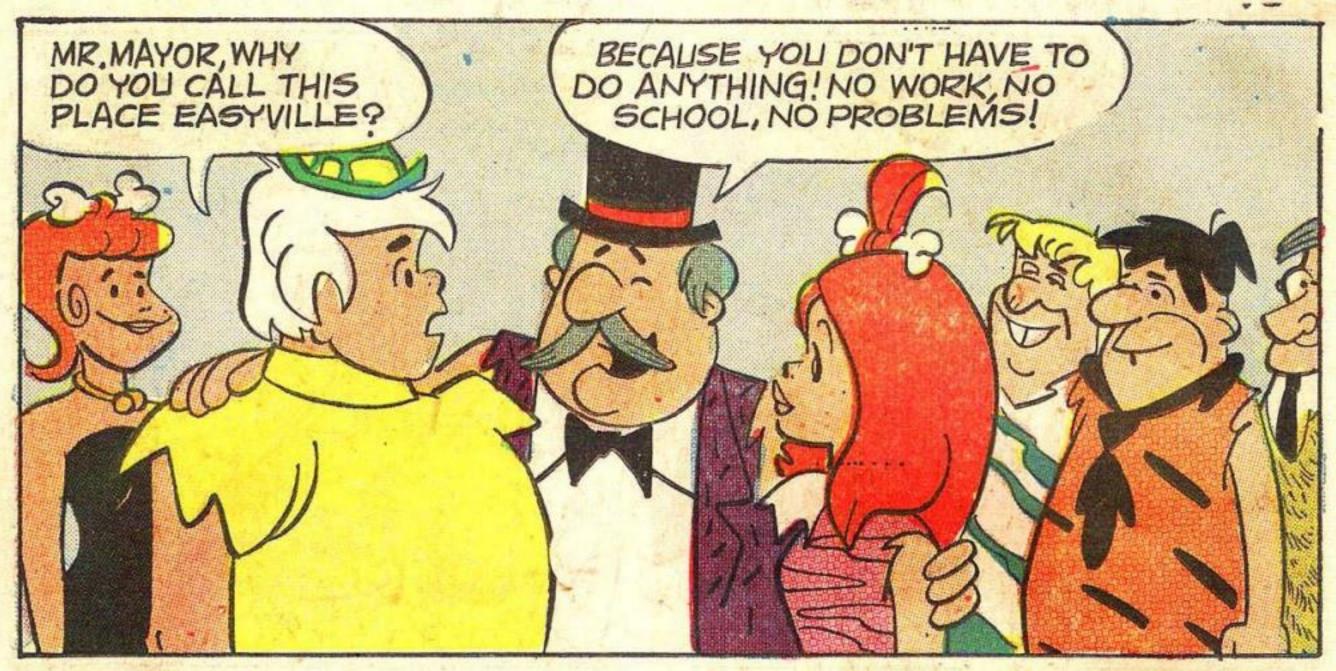




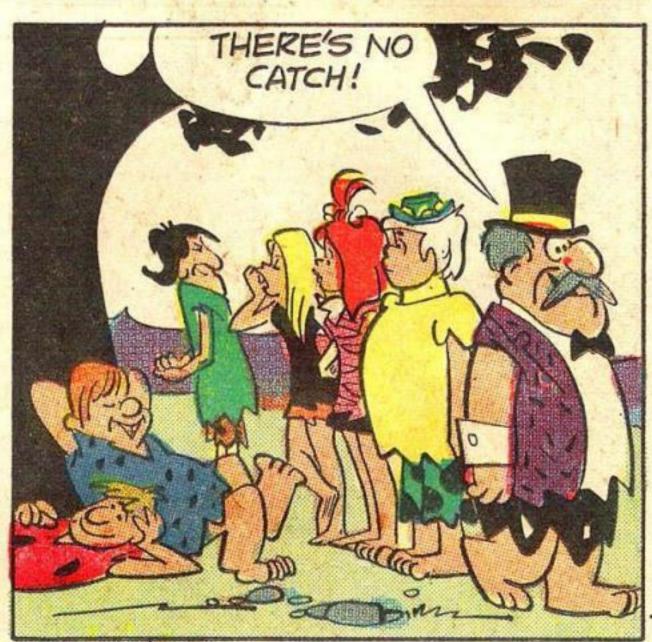






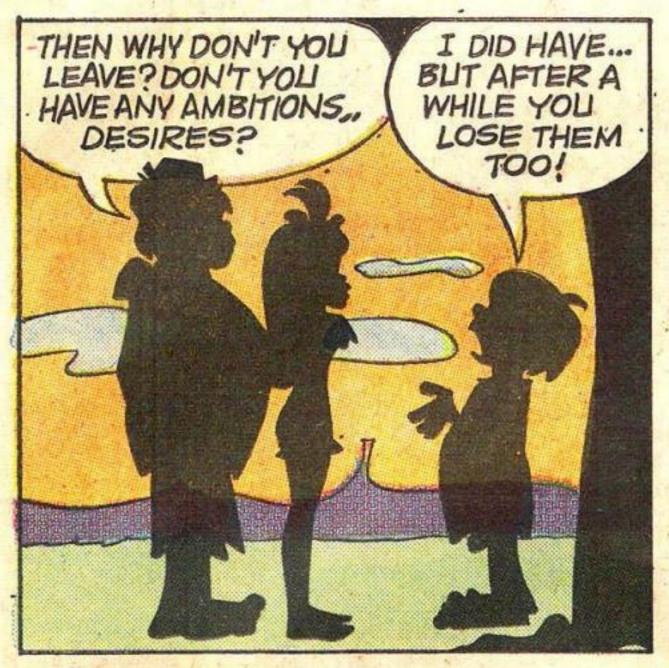








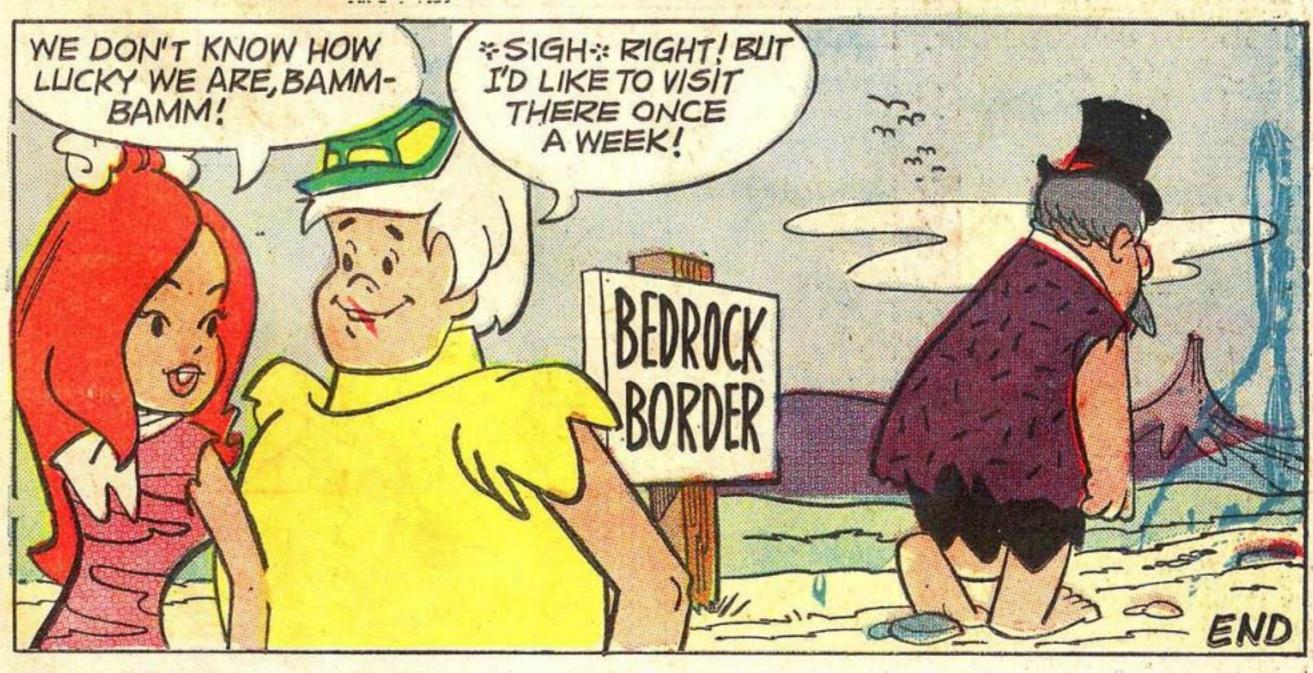




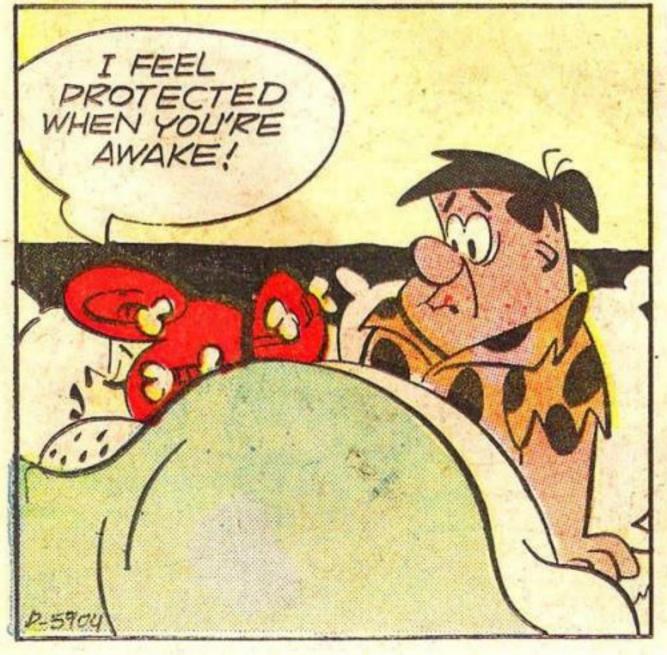


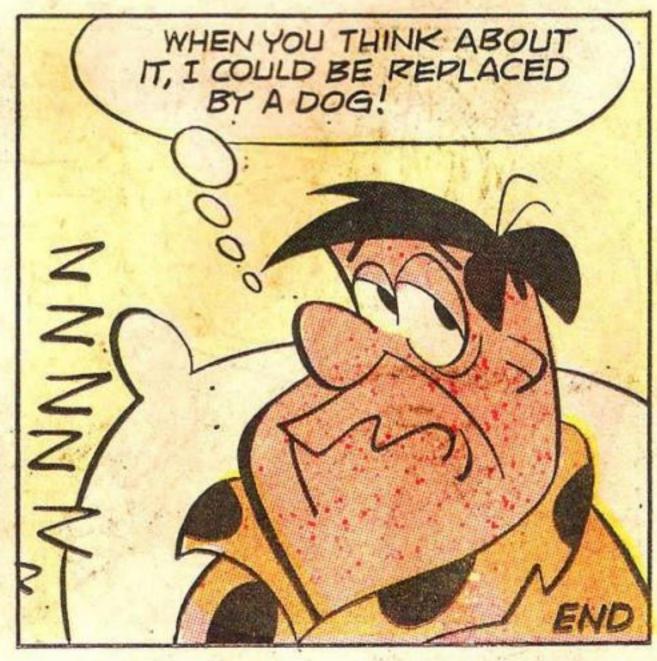


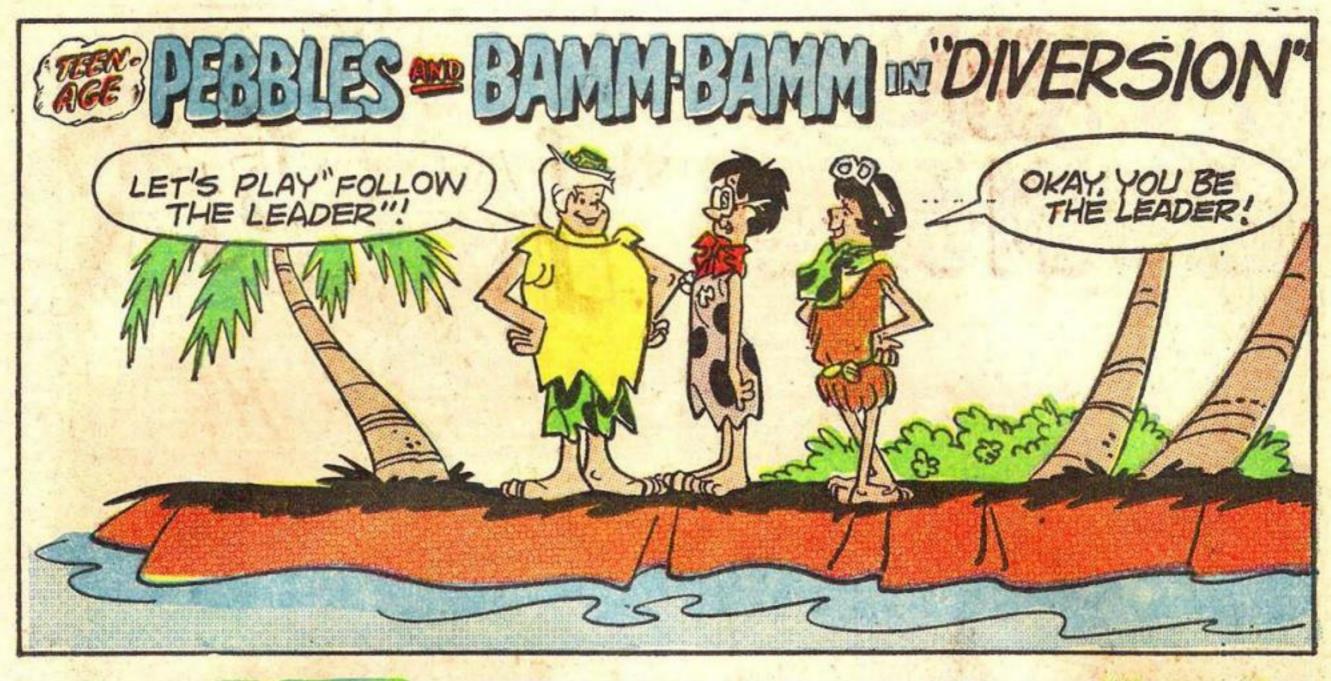


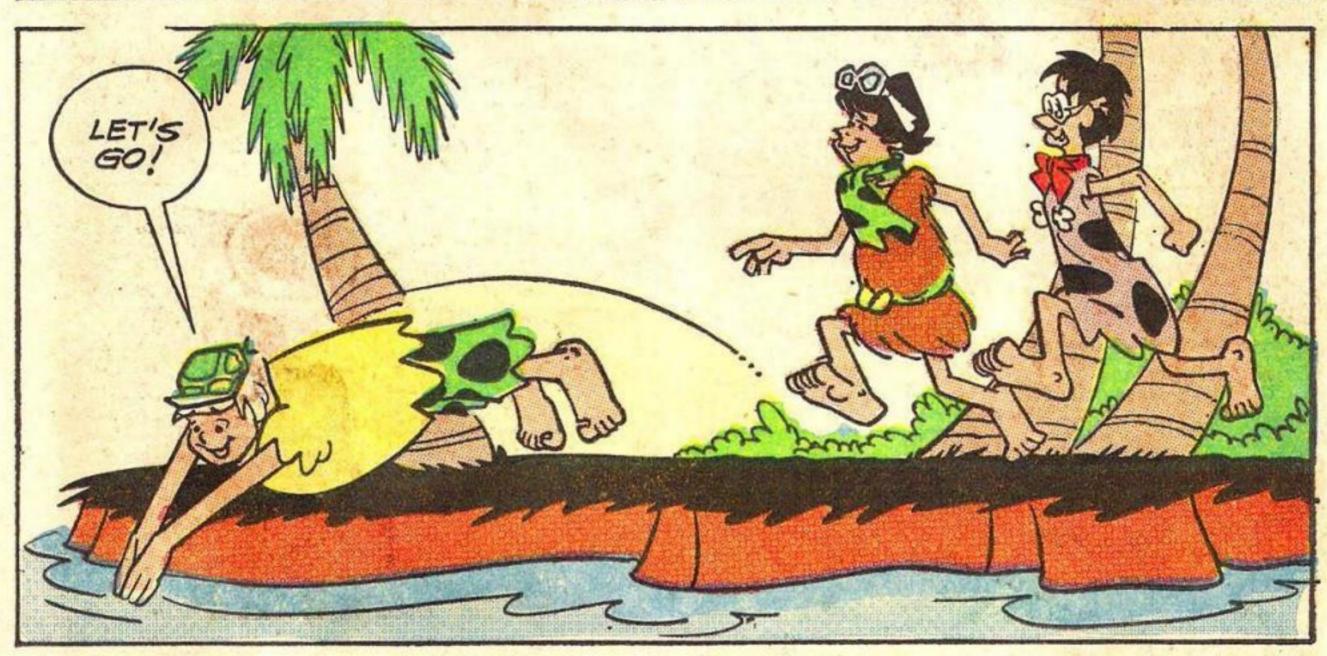


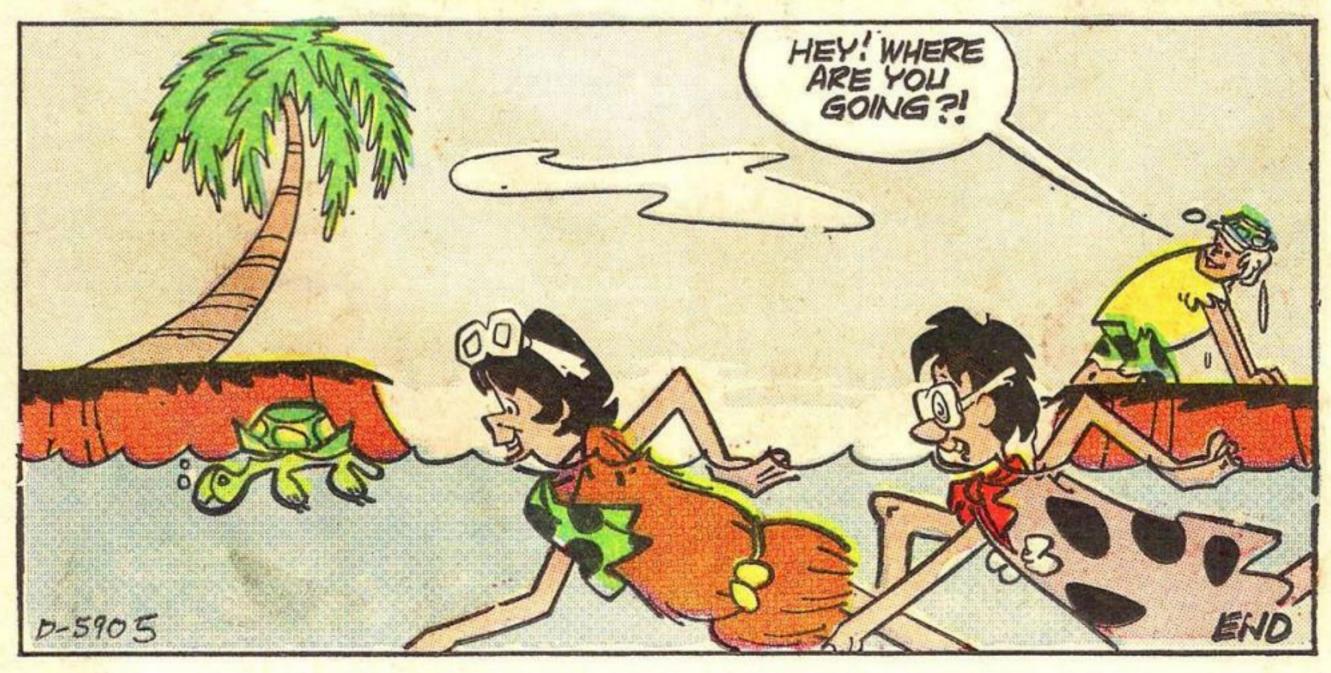








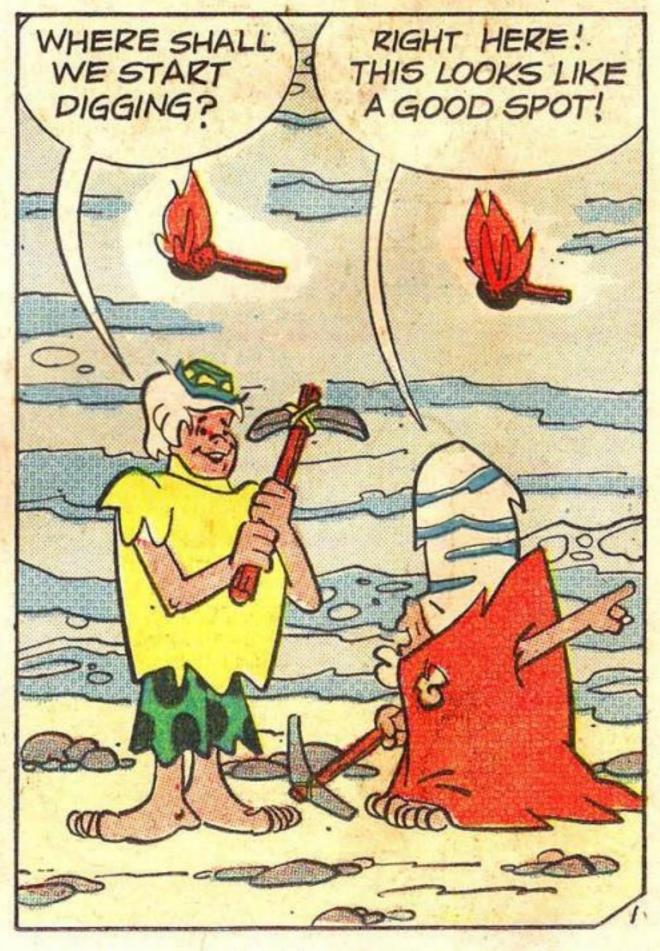




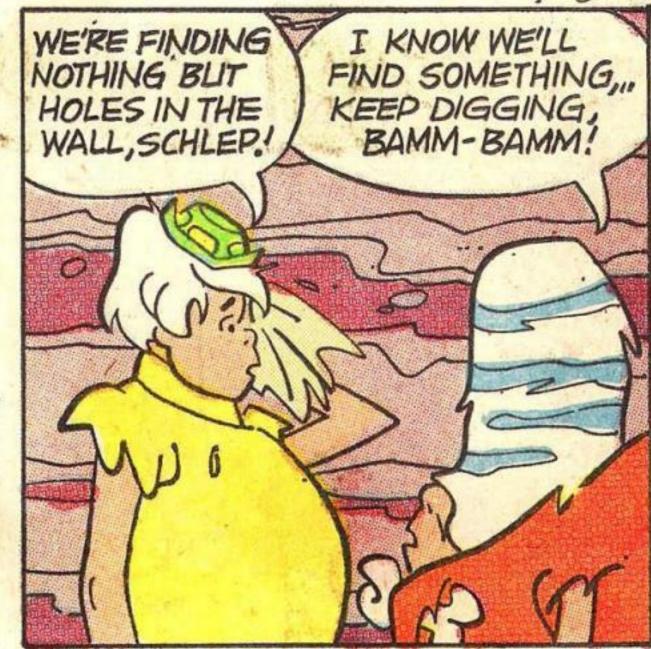








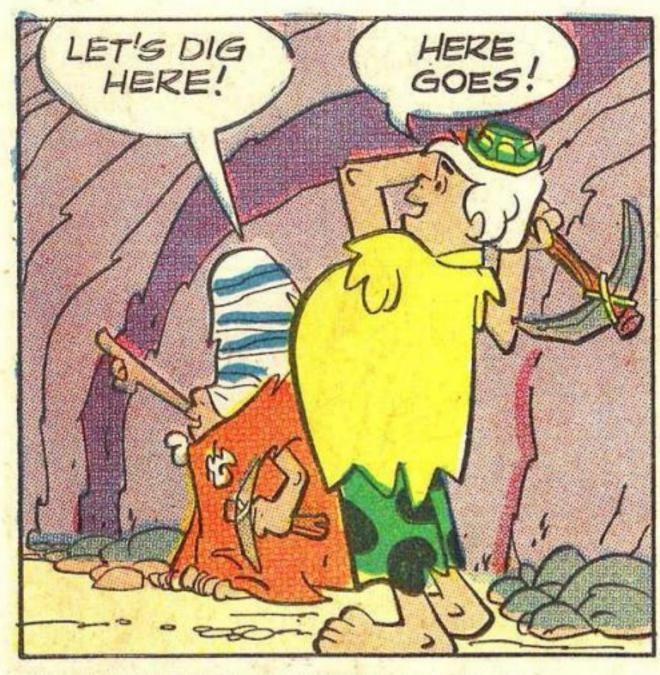




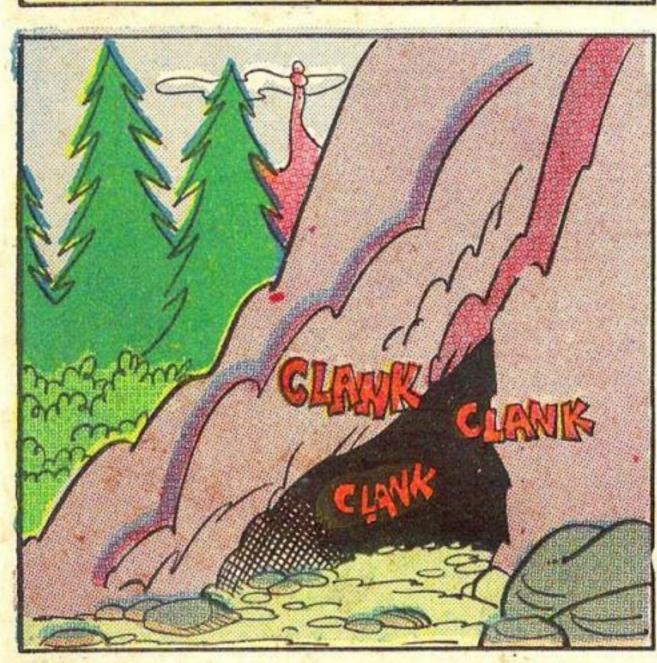


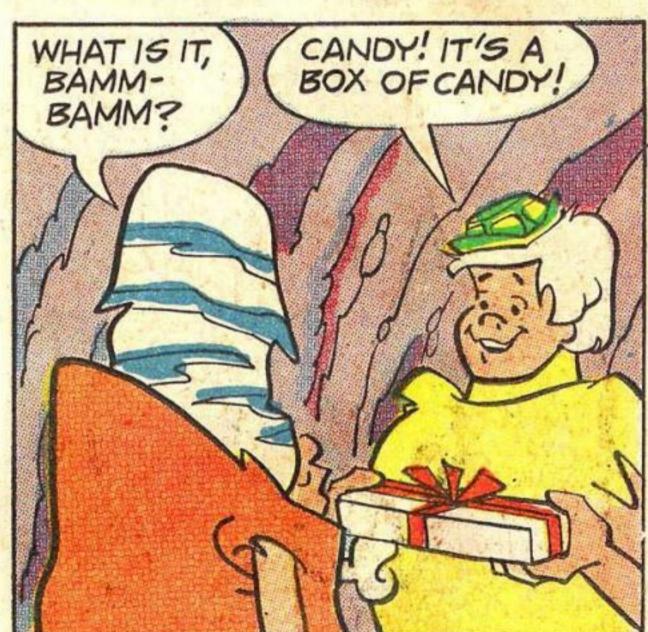
















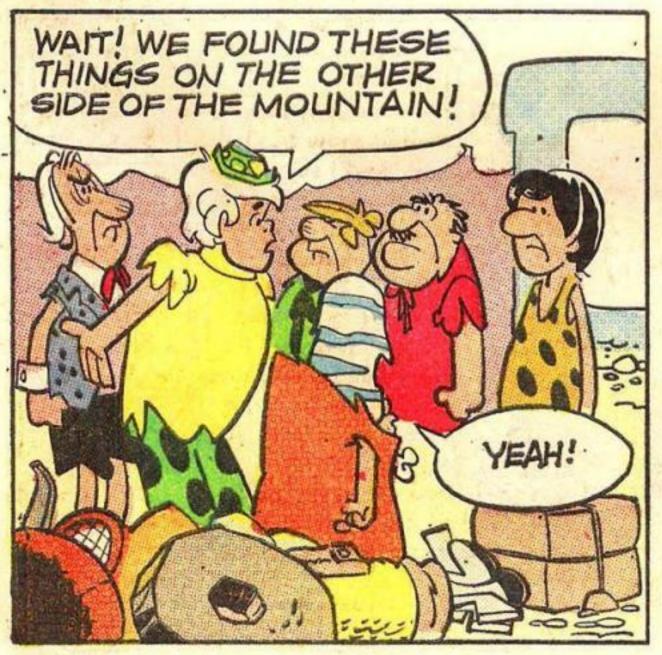














BOUERS, MOANERS AND GROANERS

For more than thirty years I have taught those darling little children in the grade schools. It has been necessary for me to give them examinations on what they should have studied and should have learned. Sometimes the examination is written. Other times it is oral. I also have to ask them questions about what they are doing. One thing is certain: If teacher is not clear in pronouncing a word or doesn't make the meaning clear of a thought, those little kids will give you unusual answers. The kids always enjoyed trying to catch teacher with a riddle or puzzle. Or find something that the teacher doesn't know. And how happy a boy or girl is when this has been accomplished.

This lesson for my class was to consist of some old honored proverbs or wise sayings. Alas, either the children of today are much more sophisticated than those of several generations ago. Or those sayings are out-dated. It was Peter who started things off during the morning session.

"I have come across two so-called wise sayings," he began. "One reads. Look before you leap. The other reads: He who hesitates is lost. I claim that they contradict each other. If you look before you leap, then you are hesitating. And if you should hesitate first, then you can get so mixed up you can't even look. Now if you never want to leap, then you don't have to look. And I once took a walk with my father in the country. We hesitated about which path to take. But we weren't lost at all. We could see our hotel where we were staying. You see two buses coming. One is full. The other not so full. You hesitate about which bus to take. But you aren't lost. You know that each is a no. 9 bus. You know that you will get off at Pine and 32nd. Street. So it doesn't make much sense any way."

"I say that Peter is right," added Jane. "I have one here that reads: A stitch in time saves one in nine. I really don't know what it means. Suppose I had a button on my coat that was loose. And all I need to keep it tight was just one stitch. But I didn't have a needle and thread handy. So I didn't make the stitch. So I lost the button. Big deal! I have more similar buttons at home. Now if I had made the stitch, just how would I have saved nine? Anyway, what is the

nine? Nine other buttons?"__

Believe me, there are times in any teacher's life when he doesn't know the answers. Especially to some of the questions the kids in his class can think up.

"I have a complaint to make," said Frank. "I have here on my paper, this wise saying: Silence is Golden. It just isn't so. And I can prove it to you. A man comes over to you. He has in his hand a bar of pure gold. He asks if you want it. And it is free. A gift he is going to give to you. If you say nothing, he will be angry. Go away and give it to another boy. In such a case it is evident that silence wasn't golden at all. In fact it made you lose the gold. Boy, is that saying a stupid one."

"He's right," chipped in Marcus. "My aunt asked me if I love her. I gave her this answer: Of course, I love you very much. And as a result she gave me a nice camera for my birthday. If I had said nothing, gee, she would have been angry at me. And no camera for my birthday."

"Look at the wise saying I have on my paper," said Marsha. It reads: A fool and his money are soon parted. Now that doesn't make much sense to me at all. I want to know how a fool came to get money in the first place? If he did get some money, then I figure he couldn't have been much of a fool in the first place. I went to the circus with my father. Later he introduced me to Clobo the Clown. My father said this fool is one of the richest men in show business. So you see a fool can make money. And I say it can be so."

"I have one on my paper that reads: Go to the ant, thy sluggard. I figure that means if you are kind of lazy you should watch an ant. But what lesson can you learn by watching the ant? If it is a nice warm day on the beach, you want to be lazy. My father says if a man does too much on a very hot day, he can get a heart attack. Next thing bothers me. You have to find an ant in the first place. So I can tell you that while watching an ant, I saw a little little boy step on him. Was I glad that I wasn't an ant at that moment."

I was very glad when the bell rang and the lesson was over. Until next time and more about what kids do in a class. Especially in my class.

